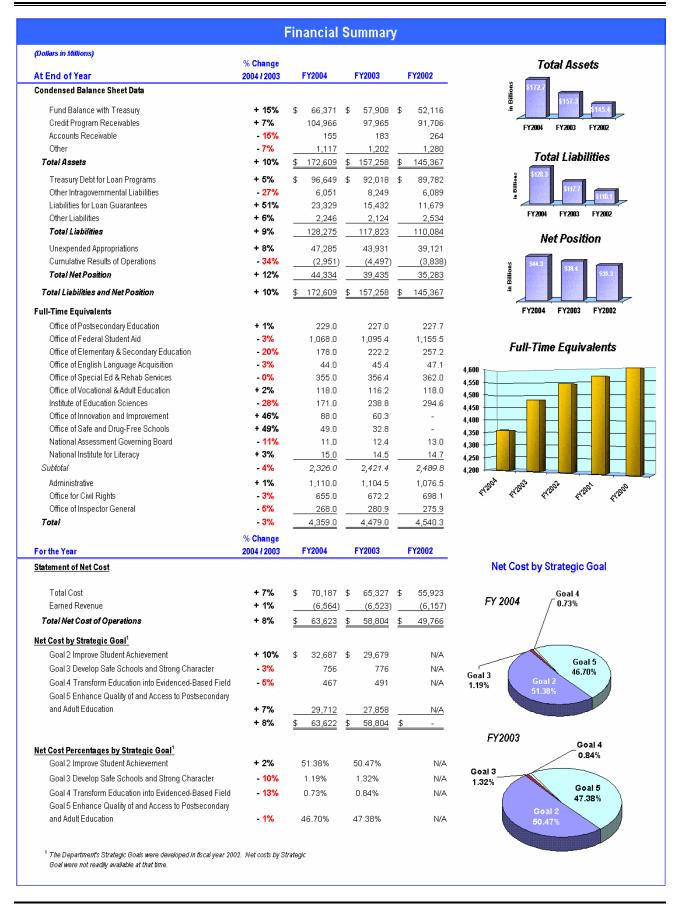
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FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The *Performance and Accountability Report* for fiscal year (FY) 2004 presents, to the Administration and the public, the status of the Department of Education's program performance and fiscal operations. This document is the principal report produced by the Department delineating our improvements and progress for this year.

The Department recognizes the importance of public disclosure and accountability to the American taxpayer. This *Performance and Accountability Report* is a demonstration of our commitment to fulfill our fiduciary and reporting responsibilities.

I am pleased to present the U.S. Department of Education's financial statements for FY 2004 as a part of this report. For the third consecutive year, our independent public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, selected by our Inspector General, issued an unqualified or "clean" opinion on the Department's consolidated financial statements. This outcome is the best possible audit result and ensures that the reader can have confidence that the financial statements fairly state the Department's financial position.

The financial statements fairly present the Department's financial position and were prepared in accordance with standards developed by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These statements are presented in the format required by the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Management Reform Act of 1994.

We continue to strive for excellence in the financial management of the Department of Education as illustrated throughout this *Performance and Accountability Report*. In FY 2004, the Department had no material weaknesses. The Department continues its efforts to correct our two reportable conditions. To address the reportable condition noted in FY 2003 by our auditors regarding Credit Reform, the Department established a working group to study, analyze, and rectify the issues. Further, steps were taken to improve the controls surrounding information systems. This important work will be completed in FY 2005.

The Department accomplished three significant achievements in FY 2004: (1) the FY 2003 *Performance and Accountability Report* won the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting Award, (2) the Department achieved "Green" status in Financial Management on the President's Management Scorecard, and (3) the Department received the Alexander Hamilton Award for our use of technology relating to treasury management. These achievements are recognition of the Department's commitment to continually strive for excellence.

Jack Martin

Chief Financial Officer November 12, 2004

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Statements

LIMITATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management has prepared the accompanying financial statements to report the financial position and operational results for the U.S. Department of Education for fiscal years 2004 and 2003 pursuant to the requirements of Title 31 of the United States Code, section 3515(b).

While these statements have been prepared from the books and records of the Department in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for federal entities and the formats prescribed by OMB Bulletin 01-09, *Form and Content of Agency Financial Statements*, these statements are in addition to the financial reports used to monitor and control budgetary resources, which are prepared from the same books and records.

The statements should be read with the understanding that they represent a component of the U.S. Government, a sovereign entity. One implication of this is that the liabilities presented herein cannot be liquidated without the enactment of appropriations, and ongoing operations are subject to the enactment of future appropriations.

United States Department of Education Consolidated Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2004 and 2003 (Dollars in Millions)

	Fi	iscal Year 2004	Fiscal Year 2003		
Assets: Intragovernmental: Fund Balance with Treasury (Note 2) Accounts Receivable (Note 5) Other Intragovernmental Assets Total Intragovernmental	\$	66,371 3 17 66,391	\$	57,908 4 27 57,939	
Cash and Other Monetary Assets (Note 3) Accounts Receivable, Net (Note 5) Credit Program Receivables, Net (Note 4) General Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (Note 6) Other Assets		1,040 152 104,966 21 39		1,108 179 97,965 28 39	
Total Assets	\$	172,609	\$	157,258	
Liabilities: Intragovernmental: Accounts Payable Treasury Debt (Note 7) Guaranty Agency Federal and Restricted Funds Due to Treasury (Note 3) Payable to Treasury (Note 8) Other Intragovernmental Liabilities (Note 9) Total Intragovernmental Accounts Payable Accrued Grant Liability (Note 11) Liabilities for Loan Guarantees (Note 4) Federal Employee and Veterans' Benefits (Note 10) Other Liabilities (Note 9)	\$	14 96,649 1,040 4,993 4 102,700 485 1,361 23,329 19 381	\$	14 92,018 1,107 7,023 105 100,267 286 1,366 15,432 22 450	
Total Liabilities (Note 10)	\$	128,275	\$	117,823	
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 18)					
Net Position: Unexpended Appropriations (Note 12) Cumulative Results of Operations (Note 12)	\$	47,285 (2,951)	\$	43,931 (4,496)	
Total Net Position	\$	44,334	\$	39,435	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	172,609	\$	157,258	

United States Department of Education Consolidated Statement of Net Cost For the Years Ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 (Dollars in Millions)

	Fiscal Year 2004			Fiscal Year 2003	
Program Costs Program A (Enhancement of Postsecondary and Adult Education)					
Intragovernmental Gross Costs	\$	6,376	\$	6,627	
Less: Intragovernmental Earned Revenue	Ψ	1,627	Ψ	1,535	
Intragovernmental Net Costs		4,749		5,092	
Gross Costs with the Public		28,167		26,060	
Less: Earned Revenues from the Public		4,812		4,972	
Net Costs with the Public		23,355		21,088	
Program A Total Net Cost	\$	28,104	\$	26,180	
Program B (Creation of Student Achievement, Culture of Achievement	and Saf	e Schools)			
Intragovernmental Gross Costs	\$	174	\$	152	
Less: Intragovernmental Earned Revenue		103		8	
Intragovernmental Net Costs		71		144	
Gross Costs with the Public Less: Earned Revenues from the Public		21,933		20,128	
Net Costs with the Public		21,933		20,128	
Program B Total Net Cost	\$	22,004	\$	20,272	
Program C (Transformation of Education)					
Intragovernmental Gross Costs Less: Intragovernmental Earned Revenue	\$	77	\$	31	
Intragovernmental Net Costs	-	<u>4</u> 73		6 25	
Gross Costs with the Public		578		632	
Less: Earned Revenues from the Public		14		552	
Net Costs with the Public		564		632	
Program C Total Net Cost	\$	637	\$	657	
Program D (Special Education and Program Execution)					
Intragovernmental Gross Costs	\$	34	\$	19	
Less: Intragovernmental Earned Revenue		4		2	
Intragovernmental Net Costs		30		17	
Gross Costs with the Public		12,848		11,678	
Less: Earned Revenues from the Public Net Costs with the Public		12,848		11,678	
				11,076	
Program D Total Net Cost	\$	12,878	\$	11,695	
Total Program Net Costs	\$	63,623	\$	58,804	
Net Cost of Operations (Note 17)	\$	63,623	\$	58,804	

United States Department of Education Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Position For the Years Ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 (Dollars in Millions)

	_	Fiscal Year 2004			Fiscal Year 2003			
		Cumulative Results	Unexpended Appropriations		Cumulative Results		Unexpended Appropriations	
Beginning Balance	\$	(4,496)	\$ 43	3,931	\$	(3,838)	\$ 39,121	
Prior Period Adjustments							28	
Beginning Balance, As Adjusted		(4,496)	43	3,931		(3,838)	39,149	
Budgeton, Financing Sources								
Budgetary Financing Sources			7/	0.004			67.700	
Appropriations Received			12	2,091			67,792	
Appropriations Transferred - In/Out (+/-)				(2.2.1)			(4.040)	
Other Adjustments (+/-) Appropriations Used		67,756	(67	(981) 7,756)		61,961	(1,049) (61,961)	
Nonexpenditure Financing Sources - Transfers-Out		(4)				(4)		
Other Financing Sources								
Imputed Financing		32				30		
Adjustments to Financing Sources (+/-)		(2,616)				(3,841)		
Total Financing Sources	\$	65,168	\$ 3	3,354	\$	58,146	\$ 4,782	
Net Cost of Operations (+/-)	\$	(63,623)			\$	(58,804)		
Ending Balances (Note 12)	\$	(2,951)	\$ 47	7,285	\$	(4,496)	\$ 43,931	

United States Department of Education Combined Statement of Budgetary Resources For the Years Ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 (Dollars in Millions)

	Fiscal Year 2004			Fiscal Year 2003				
	Budgetary		Non-Budgetary Credit Reform Financing Accounts		I I Budgetary		Non-Budgetary Credit Reform Financing Accounts	
					!			
Budgetary Resources: Budget Authority:					!			
Appropriations Received Borrowing Authority Net Transfers Other Unobligated Balance:	\$	72,090	\$	1 22,483	\$!	67,776	\$	16 21,766
Beginning of Period Spending Authority From Offsetting Collections: Earned		5,329		9,766	! ! !	4,682		7,805
Collected Receivable From Federal Sources Change in Unfilled Customer Orders		5,250		37,716 4	!	5,387 (70)		32,978
Advance received (collected) Without advance from Federal sources		(34) (5)			1	55 76		
Subtotal Recoveries of Prior Year Obligations Permanently Not Available	\$	5,211 1,587 (6,575)	\$	37,720 3,047 (18,893)	\$	5,448 1,277 (6,225)	\$	32,978 269 (17,471)
Total Budgetary Resources (Note 14)	\$	77,642	\$	54,124	\$	72,958	\$	45,363
Status of Budgetary Resources:					į			
Obligations Incurred: (Note 14)					į			
Direct	\$	75,306	\$	38,996	\$	67,549	\$	35,597
Reimbursable		91				82		
Subtotal Unobligated Balance:	\$	75,397	\$	38,996	\$	67,631	\$	35,597
Apportioned		655		948	1	2,981		396
Unobligated Balance Not Available		1,590		14,180	•	2,346		9,370
Total Status of Budgetary Resources	\$	77,642	\$	54,124	\$	72,958	\$	45,363
Relationship of Obligations to Outlays:					;			
Obligated Balance, Net, Beginning of Period Obligated Balance, Net, End of Period:	\$	42,419	\$	8,399	\$	38,961	\$	6,812
Accounts Receivable Unfilled customer orders from Federal Sources		(3) (71)		(2)	!	(3) (76)		
Undelivered Orders		46,468		7,666	!	40,744		8,382
Accounts Payable Outlays:		1,753		124		1,755		16
Disbursements		68,087		36,557	1	62,890		33,741
Collections		(5,217)		(37,716)	i	(5,443)		(32,978)
Subtotal	\$	62,870	\$	(1,159)	\$	57,447	\$	763
Less: Offsetting Receipts Net Outlays (Note 14)	\$	51 62,819	\$	(1,159)	<u> </u>	57.403	\$	763
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United States Department of Education Consolidated Statement of Financing For the Years Ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 (Dollars in Millions)

		Fiscal Year 2004	Fiscal Year 2003		
Resources Used to Finance Activities Budgetary Resources Obligated					
Obligations Incurred (Note 14) Less: Spending Authority from Offsetting Collections & Recoveries		(114,393) 47,565	\$	(103,228) 39,972	
Obligations Net of Offsetting Collections and Recoveries Less: Offsetting Receipts		(66,828) (51)		(63,256) (44)	
Net Obligations Other Resources	\$	(66,879)	\$	(63,300)	
Transfers In/Out Without Reimbursement (+/-) Imputed Financing From Costs Absorbed by Others		(32)		(30)	
Net Other Resources Used to Finance Activities		(32)		(30)	
Total Resources Used to Finance Activities	\$	(66,911)	\$	(63,330)	
Resources Used to Finance Items Not Part of Net Cost of Operations Change in Budgetary Resources Obligated for Goods, Services and Benefits Ordered but not Yet Provided (+/-) Resources that Fund Expenses Recognized in Prior Period (Note 15)	\$	(4,809) 213	\$	(5,251) (1,258)	
Credit Program Collections Which Increase/Decrease Liabilities for Loan Guarantees, or Credit Program Receivables, Net including Allowances for Subsidy		35,339		31,786	
Other Resources Used to Finance the Acquisition of Fixed Assets, or				(72)	
Increase/Decrease Liabilities for Loan Guarantees or Credit Program Receivables, Net in the Current or Prior Period		(31,145)		(28,065)	
Total Resources Used to Finance Items Not Part of the Net Cost of Operations		(402)	\$	(2,860)	
Total Resources Used to Finance the Net Cost of Operations	\$	(66,509)	\$	(60,470)	
Components of the Net Cost of Operations that Will Not Require or Generate Resources in the Current Period					
Components Requiring or Generating Resources in Future Periods Increase in Annual Leave Liability Upward/Downward Reestimates of Credit Subsidy Expense Increase in Exchange Revenue Receivable from the Public Other (+/-)	\$	(30) (1,559) 1,070 41	\$	(26) (1,318) 1,088 (11)	
Total Components of the Net Cost of Operations that Will Require or Generate Resources in Future Periods	\$	(478)	\$	(267)	
Components Not Requiring or Generating Resources Depreciation and Amortization Other (+/-) (Note 15)	\$	1,797 1,567	\$	1,933	
Total Components of the Net Cost of Operations that Will Not Require or Generate Resources	\$	3,364	\$	1,933	
Total Components of the Net Cost of Operations that Will Not Require or Generate Resources in the Current Period		2,886	\$	1,666	
Net Cost of Operations (Note 17) The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.	\$	(63,623)	\$	(58,804)	